

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Claude BARBEAU and Ross COCHRAN
Title: Outer Shell Fabric for Fire Protective Garments for Firefighters and for Workers Exposed to Risk of Flash Fire or Electric Arc
Appln No.: 09/517,323
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Examiner: Alexis A. Wachtel
Group Art Unit: 1771

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Arlington VA 22313-1450

Sir :

The present Amendment constitutes a Response to the Official Action of December 21, 2001. Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figure is attached following page 12 of this paper.